drought condition after 1-4-1987 in 9 States as shown in the Statement.

Statement—II

The central assistance sought and celling of expenditure approved for 1987-88 *(pre monsoon) period for drought*

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	State	Assistance sought	Ceilling of expenditure approved
1	Andhra Pradesh	240.75	25.19
2	Gujarat	429.87 (included for 1986-87)	31.55
3	Karnataka	11.00 (included for 1986-87)	0.99
4	Kerala	281.64 (included for 1986-87)	15·50
5	Madhya Pradesh	75.99	17·68
6	Maharashtra	453·02	31.01
7	Rajasthan	781·83	69.13
8	Tamil Nadu	348.45	34.74
9	Goa	10·70	0·64
	TOTAL	2633.25	226.43

Debts of the farmers

692. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total debt of the farmers to (i) Government, (ii) Co-operatives and (iii) National Banks during the last three years, year-wise and state-wise;

(b) whether there have been persistent demands from the farmers for immediate liquidation cancellation of debts and action taken thereon; and

(c) what is the likely impact of the Haryana Government's recent decision to waive rural loans upto Rs. 20,000/- owed to co-operative institues and commercial banks?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON: (a) The Central Government does not give any loans to farmers directly. The details of agricultural debts owed to State Governments by farmers are not collected and are not therefore readily available. The State-wise details of loans outstanding provisional in respect of Cooperative Banks and the Public Sector Banks during the years, 1983,

1984 and 1985 are given in the enclosed Statement I and II, (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Debt relief is a State subject. (vide entry 30 in the State list of Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India). The Government of India had however issued guidelines to State Governments in 1975 to enact appropriate legislation to liquidate non-institutional debts of rural poor comprising of marginal farmers, landless labourers and rural artisans; and also to scale down the non-institutional debts of small farmers. As a matter of policy, the Government of India are not in favour of any measures involving write off/waiver of either loans or interest payable by the farmers to cooperative societies and Commercial Banks as it tended to vitiate the climate of recovery, encourage wilful default and undermine the viability of credit institutions. No proposal from the Government of Haryana involving write off of rural loans of the farmers has been received in the Government of India so far.

Statement-I

Total Agricultural loans of Cooperatives (Outstanding)

(Provisional) (Rs. in crore)

Sl.No.	Name of the State/UT	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
1	Andhra Pradesh	525·66	403·26	336·79
2	Assam	13·65	12·01	12·01
3	Bihar	157.37	57·30	64·35
4	Gujarat	379·12	319·00	293·97
5	Himachal Pradesh	20·13	22·33	24·84
6	Haryana	292·94	324·70	358·87
7	Jammu & Kashmir	12·99	9·31	5·53
8	Karnataka	301.43	312.08	355.06
9	Kerala	376 34	433·48	513·12
10	Madhya Pradesh	348·30	364·41	377·25
11	Maharashtra	772·86	504·50	622·00
12	Manipur	3·99	3·71	3·71
13	Meghalaya	2·10	2·03	4·00
14	Nagaland	0·09	0·09	...
15	Orissa	191 55	219·06	212·38
16	Punjab	296·88	449 42	554 39
17	Rajasthan	311.12	308.56	344.35
18	Tamil Nadu	361 35	393·59	

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
19	Tripura	4·64	3·77	3·91
20	Uttar Pradesh	629·02	400·52	433·74
21	West Bengal	145·76	210·97	213·95
22	Sikkim	...	...	...
	Union Territories			
23	A&N Islands	0·21	0·20	0·22
24	Arunachal Pradesh	0 06	0·12	0·21
25	Chandigarh	0.09	0·13	0·13
26	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0·07	0·09	0·07
27	Delhi	2·17	2·17	2·17
28	Goa, Daman & Diu	1·28	1·3	1·26
29	Lakshadweep	0·22	0·21	·24
30	Mizoram	...	...	...
31	Pondicherry	2·77	1·66	1·72
		5154·94	4759.98	52??

NOTE: Cooperative year is from July to June.

Statement-II

Director-Agricultural Advances (Outstanding) from Public sector Banks

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Year ended December 83	December 84	December 85
1	Andhra Pradesh	700	866	1043
2	Assam	17	30	48
3	Bihar	193	235	303
4	Gujarat	269	335	441
5	Haryana	224	262	332
6	Himachal Pradesh.	22	26	30
7	Jammu & Kashmir	10	15	18
8	Karnataka	386	476	6 56
9	Kerala	223	273	333

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Year ended December 83	December 84	December 85
10	Madhya Pradesh	237	304	380
11	Maharashtra	437	541	677
12	Manipur	1	1	2
13	Meghalaya	3	5	6
14	Nagaland	1	4	7
15	Orissa	115	143	166
16	Punjab	435	527	590
17	Rajasthan	210	253	314
18	Tamil Nadu	487	630	797
19	Tripura	5	6	10
20	Uttar Pradesh	541	661	784
21	West Bengal	162	222	302
22	Sikkim	0·40	1·00	2·00
23	A&N Islands	0·60	0·90	1·00
24	Arunachal Pradesh	0·30	0·04	0·51
25	Chandigarh	4·00	76·00	142·00
26	Dadra Nagar & Haveli	0·10	0·10	0·16
27	Delhi	16·00	21·00	25·00
28	Goa Daman & Diu	15·00	16·00	20·00
29	Lakshadweep	0·05	0·08	0·30
30	Mizoram	0·02	0·40	0·50
31	Pondicherry	16·00	16·00	18·00
		4778·00	5970·00	7415·00

NOTE : 1. Data Provisional, 2. Total may not add up due to rounding difference.

Appointment of liaison agents by Public Sector Undertakings

693. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some firms or individuals are working as liaison agents with the Steel Authority of India Limited;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have issued any instructions to all the Public Sector Undertakings not to engage outsiders for liaison work?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. SAIL have appointed selling agents for disposal of their melting scrap. These include the Metal Scrap Trade Corporation, a public sector organisation. SAIL have also decided to appoint agents to help them sell alloy steels. These agents will be appointed after open advertisements.